

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 and 21-27 are still pending in this application.

During a further review of the claims in preparation for payment of the issue fee, the applicants discovered some additional amendments which could be made to further enhance the clarity of the claims.

Claims 1, 4, 26 and 27 now make specific reference to 1R and 2S configurations in the claim text. Claim 24 adds a reference to 1* in the figure. While the applicants believe that these amendments are not necessary, these amendments can provide further clarity for the claims. The applicants thank the Examiner in advance for his patience in these matters.

No new matter has been added by this amendment.

It is submitted that the claims, herewith and as originally presented, are patentably distinct over the prior art cited in the Office Action, and that these claims were in full compliance with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112.

CONCLUSION

In view of the remarks and amendments herewith, the application is still believed to be in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application and prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited. The undersigned looks forward to hearing favorably from the Examiner at an early date, and, the Examiner is invited to telephonically contact the undersigned to advance prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,
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